

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2865

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2969  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2969, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUI WILDFIRE EXPOSURE STUDY AND MAUI HEALTH REGISTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the University of Hawaii to sustain and expand services provided by the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and the Maui Health Registry.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, State Health Planning and Development Agency, Ahahui o na Kauka--The Association of Native Hawaii Physicians, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Psychological Association, Hawaii Public Health Association, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Community Health, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Lung Association in Hawaii, Lahaina Strong, Tagnawa, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that, in response to the 2023 Maui wildfires, the University of Hawaii and its partners established the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and the Maui Health Registry, which together represent the most comprehensive social and health biomonitoring effort ever undertaken in the State. Your Committee



recognizes that the additional funding provided by this measure is needed to continue these efforts, ensure long-term follow-up care for all participants, and expand to provide services for up to three thousand people for which the focus will be on services for keiki and other vulnerable populations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2969, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

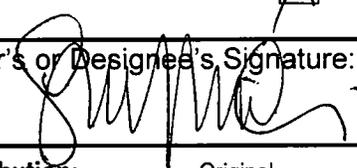
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2909, SDI	EDV/HHS, WAM	3/3/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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